# BRIER LAKE

#### A Great Place To Live!

## **ECC Requests**

Brier Lake is known for its beautiful setting and large, wooded lots. We preserve the aesthetics of our subdivision by enforcing our Restrictive Covenants. Before you cut down a tree, build a fence, put in a pool or make any other change to your property that requires the approval of the **Environmental Control** Committee please make sure to submit your request and supporting documentation to **Gulf South Property** Management.

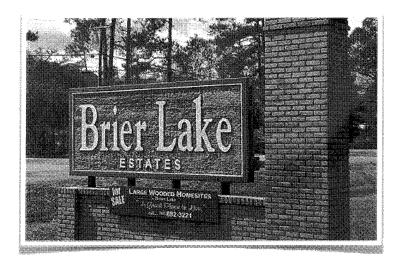
# **Upcoming Events**

Quarterly membership meeting: November 14th at 7:30 p.m. at St. John of the Cross Catholic Church.

Please see attached aerial photographs for context on the issue surrounding striping Hwy 190.

### **Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Minutes can be found online. Please visit the Brier Lake website for a copy.



# Special Guests to attend our Quarterly Meeting!

•What: Quarterly Membership Meeting

•When: Thursday, November 14th at 7:30 p.m.

•Where: St. John of the Cross Catholic Church

•Special Guests: Parish President Pat Brister, Senator Sharon Hewitt, Councilman Steve Stefanick and a representative from DOTD will join us to provide updates on the striping on Hwy 190 and answer neighbor questions.

•Please see attached evaluation of proposed ingress and egress changes to our subdivision with photographs.

Board of Directors welcomes input from all neighbors on the future vision for our subdivision. Please join us to share your thoughts and suggestions on how to continuously improve and maintain our beautiful subdivision.

#### **Brier Lake Website**



The Board of Directors shares pertinent neighborhood information on the Brier Lake website including: governing documents, restrictive covenants, ECC forms, meeting minutes, upcoming events and more.

To access our website: visit www.gspmla.com, click on HOA, select Brier Lake, enter password: blhoa

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#### **Restrictive Covenants:**

We all enjoy the beauty of our subdivision, with large wooded lots, well maintained property, and abundant wildlife. In order to maintain this beauty, the subdivision uses restrictive covenants to control what individual homeowners can and cannot do with their property. The Homeowners Association maintains an Environmental Control Committee, charged with approving homeowner's requests for changes. Our subdivision management has been assigned by the board to Gulf South Property Management LLC, who drive all streets in the subdivision on a regular basis, and notify homeowners of any violations. Sometimes, the reaction has been "I didn't know that".

Gulf South Property Management hosts and maintains the Brier Lake Homeowners Association web site. The site contains many useful reference documents, including the Restrictive Covenants, so no one should be in any doubt about what is allowed. Please see above instructions for logging into the Brier Lake website and contact Gulf South Property Management if you need further direction.

The board does recognize that not all residents have internet access, and if any homeowner so requests, the board will provide a hard copy of the Restrictive Covenants document.

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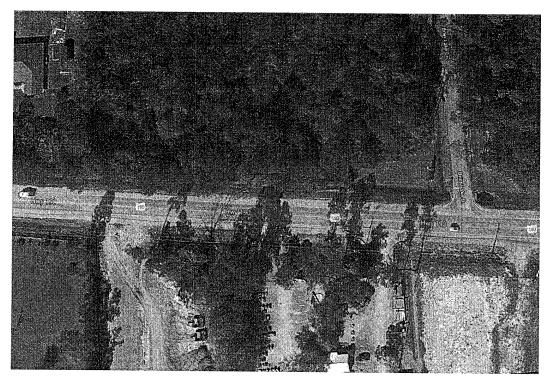
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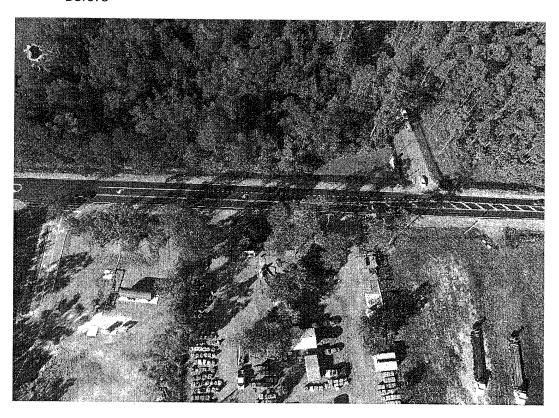
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#### Your help is needed!

I am sure every resident of Brier Lake Estates was fuming at the way Hwy 190 was widened and lane markings added to provide a turn lane for the new subdivision south of 190. The net effect though, was to make a turn into Brier from the West illegal, as well as make a turn to the East illegal when leaving our subdivision. It is so egregious that it is really hard to fathom how this could have happened.



Before



After

At the next quarterly Homeowners Association meeting on Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> this will be the primary topic for discussion. Our Louisiana State Senator, Sharon Hewitt, along with Parish Councilman, Steve Stefanik will be in attendance. If you would like answers to questions such as:

- What is the process for proposing, designing and approving such changes to an existing road layout?
- Where did this process break down on this occasion?
- Who, by name, was responsible for letting it happen?

We are also interested in what may be proposed to fix the problem. We need residents of Brier Lake to show up in force to make our public officials understand that we have over twice the number of home sites than the new development, plus there is traffic from parishioners attending services at the St. John's Church on Brier Lake drive. A single turning lane should have at least 2/3 of the total length devoted to the Brier Lake intersection.

In my opinion, a single turning lane will never make an acceptable solution. Hwy 190 will need to be made 4 lanes, with the outer lanes devoted to through traffic, and separate turning lanes for traffic going into the two subdivisions. That will not be cheap!

Again, please show up at the meeting and make your views known!